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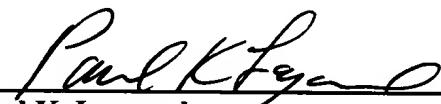
16. (Amended) A method of vaccinating an individual comprising administering to said individual an immunogenic composition of claim 1.

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REMARKS

International application PCT/US99/11977 was filed on May 28, 1999. Applicants filed on November 29, 2000 items concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C. § 371 including a Preliminary Amendment. The Office Action mailed July 17, 2001 indicated that the Preliminary Amendment filed on April 16, 2001 failed to comply with the format set forth in 37 CFR § 1.121. The Preliminary Amendment referred to in the Office Action was actually filed on November 29, 2000, well before the new amendment format took effect. In order to advance prosecution of the present application, however, Applicants herein re-file the Preliminary Amendment formatted as requested in the Office Action. Claims 15 and 16 have been amended. Applicants reserve the right to amend claims 15 and 16 to be dependent on any of claims 1-7. No new matter has been added. Attached hereto is a marked-up version of the changes made to the specification and claims by the current amendment. The attached page is captioned "Version with markings to show changes made."

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VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE

In the Claims:

Claims 15 and 16 have been amended as follows:

15. (Amended) A vaccine comprising an immunogenic composition of [any one of claims 1-7] claim 1.

16. (Amended) A method of vaccinating an individual comprising administering to said individual an immunogenic composition of [any one of claims 1-7] claim 1.